

Hills City Council Meeting  
July 9, 2018  
7:00 PM  
Hills Fire Station Meeting Room

The regular Hills City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Kemp at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2018 at the Hills Fire Station Meeting Room.

Present: Council members: Merle Hill, Christine Peters, Cathy Knebel, Steve Harris and Teresa Volk. Absent: None.

Also present: Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator, Ben Sommers, EMS Coordinator, and EreK Sittig, City Attorney.

**Consent Agenda:** A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Volk to approve the consent agenda approving agenda, minutes from June 25, 2018 Council Meeting, minutes from June 28, 2018 Special Meeting, scheduled list of claims, receipts from June 23, 2018 thru July 6, 2018, Treasurer's Report and Budget Report. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Kyle Acheson was present to discuss contract for Community Center booking and cleaning. He requested the City consider adding him as a city employee as his tax preparer told him he was not an independent contractor for tax purposes. He felt using City supplies and equipment qualified him as an employee. Mayor explained we have other contractors that use our equipment and supplies, i.e. Water Superintendent. He requested a written reason why he is not a city employee but a contractor. EreK will provide. Council felt adding a city employee for this position alone is not in City's best interest.

Kyle also asked for better notification when the building will be used by the City for events. He does not clean immediately after events so may not always have the time to get it ready on limited notice due to his work schedule. Council suggested he should be cleaning the day after the event so it is always ready for use. He felt the card players left it dirty so he would have to clean it more than once before events if he cleaned immediately. Cathy will try to do a better job letting him know of events.

**Business:**

Resolution 2018-36 was presented approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Contractor's Application for payment No. 2 to the contract with Hardscape Solutions of Iowa, Inc. for Hills SRF Sponsored Water Quality Project. The request, in the amount of \$65,020.00, has been reviewed by Shive-Hattery and recommended for approval. A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Peters to approve Resolution 2018-36. Roll Call: Ayes: Knebel, Peters, Volk, Harris, Hill. Resolution 2018-36 is approved.

Resolution 2018-37 was presented approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign Contractor's Application for payment No. 14 to the contract with Woodruff Construction, LLC for Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. This request, in the amount of \$4,750.00, has been reviewed and recommended for approval by Fox Engineering. A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Knebel to approve Resolution 2018-37. Roll Call: Ayes: Hill, Knebel, Peters, Harris, Volk. Resolution 2018-37 approved.

Mayor Kemp provided a RAGBRAI update encouraging all to attend the Community Volunteer meeting on Wednesday July 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hills Community Center. There will be signup sheets for volunteer jobs. T-shirts will be provided to all volunteers.

A Motion was made by Knebel and seconded by Volk to enter into a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss potential litigation. Ayes: 5. Council entered into closed session at 7:18 p.m.

A Motion was made by Harris and seconded by Knebel to return to open session. Ayes: 5. Council returned to open session at 7:33 p.m.

**Reports:**

Attorney: No report.

Fire Chief: No report.

Maintenance: No report.

Sewer: No Report

Water: Well communications continue to be a concern. Consumer Confidence Report was completed and published as required. Lead and copper samples were completed and we are waiting on the lab results.

Administrator: Stutsman, Inc. has submitted an application for re-zoning for 2 parcels on/near Iowa. The City received a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Naig with congratulations on the SRF Sponsored Project and Ribbon Cutting.

Mayor: Tim encouraged all Council members to attend the Joint Entities meeting on July 16th beginning at 4 p.m. to be held at the North Liberty Community Center.

Council Comments: None.

A Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Ayes:5. Motion carried.

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Tim Kemp, Mayor

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Cathy Fitzmaurice-Hill, City Administrator